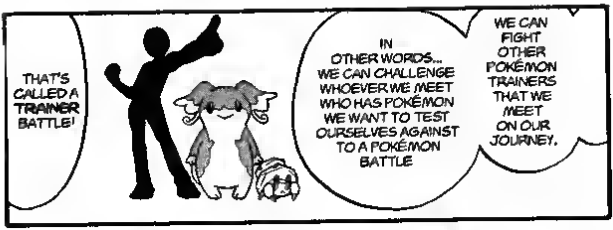
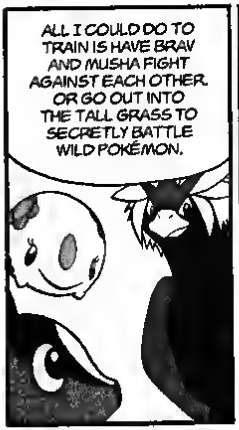
Adventure 4
Black's First Trainer Battle

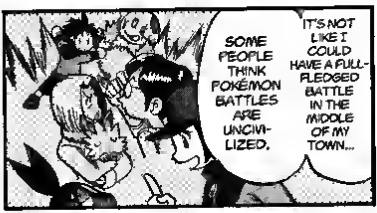
TEP! LISTEN UP!
WE HAVE TO LEARN TO WORK TOGETHER... TO COMBINE OUR BATTLE SKILLS IN NEW WAYS.
YOU'RE THE THIRD POKÉMON ON MY TEAM.
WE CAN FIGHT EACH OTHER.
■ Battle Practice
①Practice on your own
FIRST! PRAC-TICE ON YOUR OWN!
GOT IT?
GOOD!
THERE ARE THREE WAYS TO TRAIN.
WE CAN FIGHT WILD POKÉMON WE RUN INTO WHEN WE'RE WALKING THROUGH THE TALL GRASS— OR WHEREVER.
②Practice against wild Pokémon
SEC-OND! PRACTICE AGAINST WILD POKÉ-MON.


THAT'S CALLED A TRAINER BATTLE!
IN OTHER WORDS... WE CAN CHALLENGE WHOEVER WE MEET WHO HAS POKÉMON WE WANT TO TEST OURSELVES AGAINST TO A POKÉMON BATTLE
WE CAN FIGHT OTHER POKÉMON TRAINERS THAT WE MEET ON OUR JOURNEY.

I'VE NEVER FOUGHT A TRAINER BATTLE WITH ANYONE BEFORE.

THERE'S ONLY ONE PROBLEM WITH THIS PLAN.


ALL I COULD DO TO TRAIN IS HAVE BRAV AND MUSHA FIGHT AGAINST EACH OTHER. OR GO OUT INTO THE TALL GRASS TO SECRETLY BATTLE WILD POKÉMON.

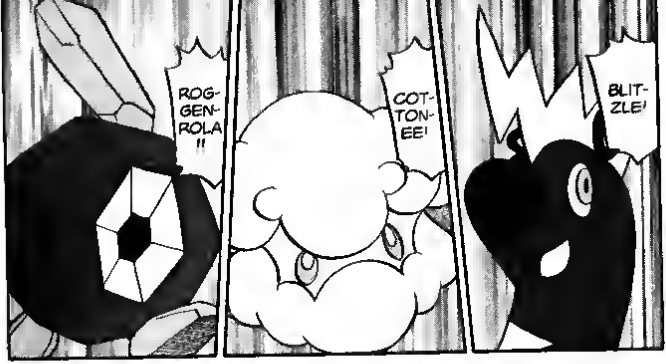

SOME PEOPLE THINK POKÉMON BATTLES ARE UNCIVILIZED.
IT'S NOT LIKE I COULD HAVE A FULL-FLEDGED BATTLE IN THE MIDDLE OF MY TOWN...

THEY ALWAYS REFUSED TO FIGHT A POKÉMON BATTLE WITH ME.
BIANCA'S PARENTS ARE SUPER STRICT. AND CHEREN IS ALWAYS WORRIED ABOUT WHAT THE GROWN-UPS THINK OF HIM

...I BET I'LL MEET LOTS OF TRAINERS LIKE ME WHO WANT TO IMPROVE THEIR TECHNIQUE!!
BUT NOW THAT I'VE STARTED ON MY TRAINING JOURNEY...
ISN'T THERE A TRAINER ANYWHERE OUT THERE WHO WANTS TO ACCEPT MY CHALLENGE...?!
HELLOOOOO!!
COME OUT, COME OUT, POKÉMON TRAINERS—WHEREVER YOU ARE!!
I'M READY TO BATTLE ANYONE WITH ANY POKÉMON!!
Route 1
I GUESS THERE AREN'T MANY TRAINERS AROUND HERE..
WE'RE AT THE END OF ROUTE 1... ALMOST TO ACCUMULA TOWN.

Boing
WHAT THE--?!
D-DID THAT ROCK JUST MOVE?!
!!
I HEARD YOU CALL OUT, YOUNG MAN
PAF PAF
HE'S HUGE...!!
I ACCEPT...
...YOUR CHALLENGE.

THE NAME'S ANDY! I'M A HIKER!!
bom
bom
BOM!
EX-ACTLY!
YOU MEAN... YOU'RE A POKÉMON TRAINER?!
R-REALLY?!
THAT'S A FINE GOAL YOU'VE GOT THERE!
VERY WELL, I'LL FIGHT YOU!!
MY FIRST TRAINER BATTLE.. EVER!!
Y YES, I DID!
MY GOAL? TO WIN THE CHAMPION SHIP AT THE POKÉMON LEAGUE!!
YOUNG MAN!
WHAT IS YOUR GOAL IN LIFE?!
DIDN'T YOU JUST PROFFER A CHAL-LENGE TO A POKÉ-MON BATTLE?


ROG-GEN-ROLA!!
COT-TON-EE!
BLIT-ZLE!

FSH
MY THREE POKÉ-MON!!
GO!!
FSH
FSH

...A TRI-PLE BAT-TLE!!
Triple Battle
THIS IS...
flip flip flip
TH-THREE AT ONCE?!

DON'T PANIC, TEP!
THIS IS THE NEWEST BATTLE STYLE. IT JUST GOT ADDED TO THE OFFICIAL RULEBOOK...
...OF THE POKÉMON ASSOCIATION!!
THIS MAN MUST BE A VERY EXPERIENCED TRAINER TO USE SUCH A NEW COMPLICATED BATTLE STYLE!!
GET READY !!
TEP, BRAV, MUSHA ...!!
paw
paw
ZOOM

YOU'VE STUDIED HARD, YOUNG MAN
ROGGENROLA, ROCK SLIDE!!
BLITZLE, TAIL WHIP!!
COTTONEE, RAZOR LEAF!!
FINE! THEN I'LL...
TEP! FLAME CHARGE!!
MUSHA! PSYBEAM!!
BRAV! AERIAL ACE!!
ZEEEEE
FW
SH
SHKRASH
SHK
SHK
SHK
SHK
SHK

SLISH
SLASH
WHAM
A BATTLE FEELS SO DIFFERENT WHEN IT'S AGAINST ANOTHER REAL-LIVE TRAINER! THE POKÉMON ATTACKS ARE VERY PRECISE!!
WOW
I DID IT!!
Hhh
...WIN?
CAN I..
CHA-K!!
I'VE NEVER FOUGHT A BATTLE ANYTHING LIKE THIS BEFORE! I CAN LEARN SO MUCH, BUT..
I SEE... THOSE ATTACKS CAN STRIKE MORE THAN ONE POKÉMON AT A TIME!!
...AND RAZOR LEAF STRUCK TEP AND BRAV..
ROCK SLIDE HIT MUSHA AND BRAV..

LET'S START OFF BY DEFEATING COTTONEE!! FLAME CHARGE!!
TEP'S POSITION LOOKS TO BE JUST RIGHT!!
AND TEP IS STANDING RIGHT ACROSS FROM COTTONEE!
I THINK COTTONEE IS A GRASS-TYPE POKÉMON...
FO
OSH
!!
BUT TAKE THIS--!!
OOH!! THAT'S A GOOD MOVE..!!
NNGH!!
KRK
UM.
KRK
KRK
OH.
KRAKL

HUH?! WHAT ?!
IT'S LIKE A SAUNA OUT HERE!! I CAN'T STAND IT!!
AIEEE!! I CAN'T TAKE IT ANYMORE!! IT'S TOO HOT!!
DA SH

GLUB GLUB GLUB GLUB
H-HEY!! WE'RE IN THE MIDDLE OF A BATTLE!!
FWAP
OOPS
THAT WAS REFRESHING!!
PHEW !!

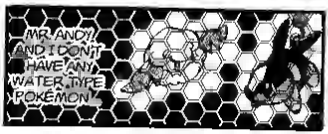
OH NO !!
GASP
GASP
SLUMP
WAHH! I...
OH.
I LOST !!
...AGAIN !!!

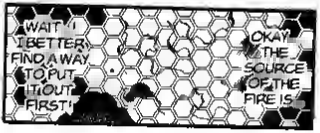
YOUNG MAN..
W-W-WAIT! WHY?! WHY WOULD YOU DO THAT?!
WHAT?!
IT'S NO USE. I MIGHT AS WELL RETIRE
TWENTY YEARS...
IT'S BEEN TWENTY YEARS SINCE I FIRST DREAMED OF ENTERING THE POKEMON LEAGUE... AND I HAVE YET TO SUCCEED!
THE TRUTH IS... I PRETEND I'M CONFIDENT WHEN I BEGIN A BATTLE, BUT... I'M A ROTTEN TRAINER.
BUT... I ALWAYS GAVE UP PARTWAY THERE.
I STARTED COLLECTING BADGES WHEN I WAS ABOUT YOUR AGE.. I DREAMED THAT ONE DAY I WOULD COMPETE IN THE POKÉMON LEAGUE!
DID YOU KNOW YOU NEED EIGHT GYM BADGES TO ENTER THE POKÉMON LEAGUE?!
AND I'D END UP AS A SPECTATOR IN THE STANDS WATCHING THE OTHER TRAINERS WHO GOT IN PATHETIC
THE POKÉMON LEAGUE WOULD START..
I WOULDN'T HAVE FINISHED COLLECTING THE BADGES...
OF COURSE

BUT TODAY I GOT DEFEATED BY A YOUNG MAN WHO NEVER EVEN FOUGHT A TRAINER BATTLE BEFORE!
NOWADAYS, I SPEND MY DAYS WAITING FOR TRAINERS TO PASS BY ON ROUTE 1. I ONLY CHALLENGE PEOPLE I THINK I CAN'T POSSIBLY LOSE AGAINST. PITIFUL.
YEAR AFTER YEAR IT WAS THE SAME, UNTIL... FINALLY I STARTED TO GIVE UP ON MY DREAM.
Route 1
THAT'S THE PROBLEM!!
ONLY BECAUSE YOU RAN OFF IN THE MIDDLE OF OUR BATTLE, MR. ANDY!
NO, NO, NO!!
I'VE GOT NO CHOICE BUT TO RETIRE IF I CAN'T EVEN FINISH A BATTLE!
WHENEVER MY OPPONENT USES A FIRE-TYPE ATTACK, I GET ALL WOOZY AND THIRSTY AND... I JUST CAN'T KEEP MY FOCUS ON THE BATTLE.
AS YOU CAN SEE, I CAN'T HANDLE HEAT...

I DON'T THINK THEY DO..
LOOK ..
WHAT ABOUT THEIR DREAMS? MAYBE THEY STILL DREAM OF QUALIFYING FOR THE POKÉMON LEAGUE! HAVE YOU THOUGHT OF THAT?
WHAT'LL HAPPEN TO YOUR POKÉMON IF YOU GIVE UP ON YOUR DREAM?!
IT'S SICK AND TIRED OF ITS DISAPPOINTING TRAINER.
MY COTTONEE...
...WON'T EVEN COME NEAR ME THESE DAYS
THAT'S WEIRD... THE BATTLE'S OVER...
OH! YOUNG MAN, YOU'RE SWEATING LIKE MAD!
IT'S STILL PRETTY HOT, ACTUALLY...
...

FOOOOSH
!!
THAT FIELD IS COMPLETELY IN FLAMES!! WHEN DID THIS HAPPEN?!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING, YOUNG MAN?!
ZOOP
MUSHA! I'M READY !!
BRAV! HELP ME!


MR. ANDY, AND I DON'T HAVE ANY WATER TYPE POKEMON!


WAIT! I BETTER FIND A WAY TO PUT IT OUT, FIRST!
OKAY! THE SOURCE OF THE FIRE IS

BUT THERE'S A RIVER NEARBY!! THAT'S IT!!
!!

AFTER ALL, YOU'RE STRONG ENOUGH TO...
GRR
GRR
HOLD TIGHT!!
GRAB
TUP
YES!
YOU CAN DO IT!!
BRAV!! CAN YOU CARRY THAT BIG ROCK?!

PICK UP A CAR AND
GRRR GRRR
...FLY WITH IT!!
GRAAA
GLOMP
DROP THE ROCK FROM AS HIGH UP AS YOU CAN!! STRAIGHT INTO THE RIVER!
IT'S NO USE, YOUNG MAN..! IT'S TOO HOT. I CAN'T THINK STRAIGHT!
LISTEN, I NEED YOUR HELP! YOU HAVE TO PULL YOURSELF TOGETHER!!
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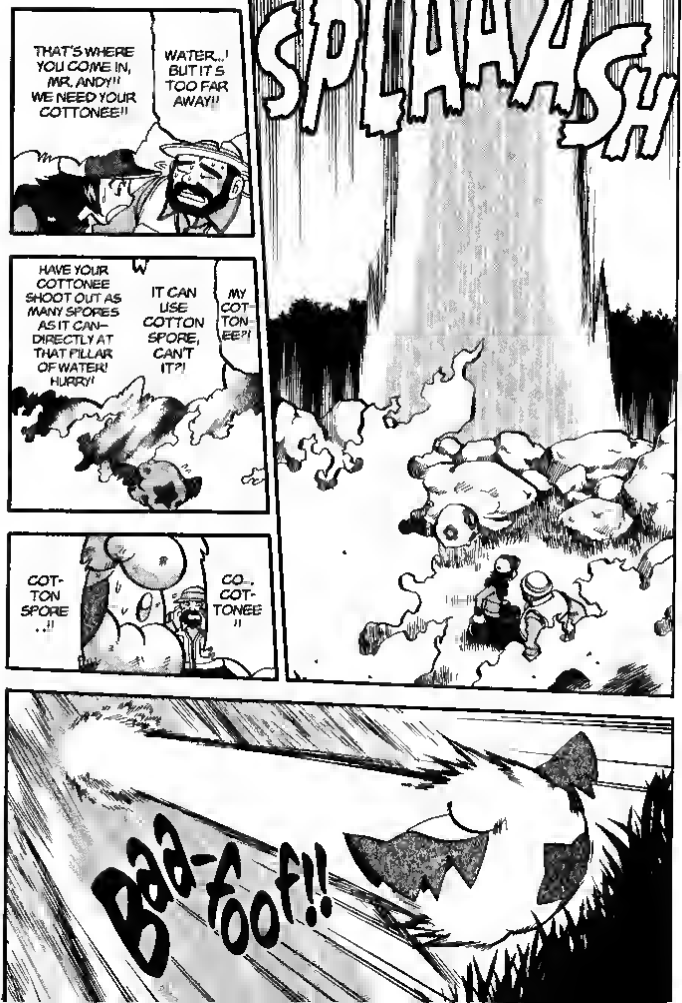
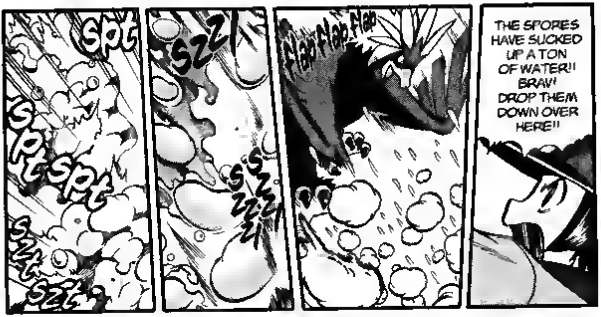

THAT'S WHERE YOU COME IN, MR. ANDY!! WE NEED YOUR COTTONEE!!
WATER..! BUT IT'S TOO FAR AWAY!!
SPLAAASH
HAVE YOUR COTTONEE SHOOT OUT AS MANY SPORES AS IT CAN— DIRECTLY AT THAT PILLAR OF WATER! HURRY!
IT CAN USE COTTON SPORE, CAN'T IT?!
MY COT-TON-EE?!
COT-TON SPORE ..!!
CO.. COT-TONEE !!
Bad-Foot!!

SPLSH SPLSH SPLSH


SPL
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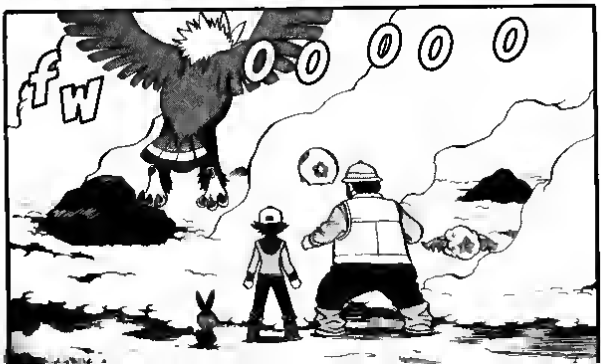
Flap Flap Flap
THE SPORES HAVE SUCKED UP A TON OF WATER!! BRAV! DROP THEM DOWN OVER HERE!!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OOOOO

WHAT —?!
YOU KNOW, THE SOURCE OF THAT GRASS FIRE WAS YOUR COTTONEE, MR. ANDY...

CHILL OUT!
OOH, THAT MAKES ME SO MAD!

THAT MUST HAVE BEEN WHAT SPREAD THE FIRE
IT WAS PLAYING WITH THE SMOLDERING FLAMES LEFT OVER FROM TEP'S ATTACK.

IT PROBABLY WANTED TO IMPROVE ITS SKILLS TO GET YOU TO RECONSIDER RETIRING... ESPECIALLY SINCE YOU WERE ABOUT TO GIVE UP BECAUSE YOU HAVE A HARD TIME WITH HEAT.
I THINK YOUR COTTONEE WAS JUST TRYING TO OVERCOME ITS WEAKNESS— FIRE.

YOUNG MAN...
TELL ME SOME-THING...

...COT-TON-EE!!

OH
OHH

DON'T WORRY!
BUT... WON'T YOUR DREAM DISAPPEAR IF YOU DO THAT?
I GET MUSHA TO EAT MY DREAM WHEN I NEED TO CLEAR MY HEAD TO THINK ABOUT OTHER THINGS.
MY MIND IS FULL OF MY DREAM OF WINNING THE POKÉMON LEAGUE.
I HAD MUSHA, MY MUNNA, EAT MY DREAM.
OH, THAT?
WHAT WAS THAT HEAD BITING STUNT ALL ABOUT...?
...MY DREAM, IT NEVER DIES!!
NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES I HAVE MUSHA EAT...
?
I'VE GOT AN IDEA! WHY DON'T WE FOLLOW OUR DREAMS TOGETHER?!
I WANTED TO WIN THE POKÉMON LEAGUE. BUT I LOST MY RESOLVE..
A DREAM THAT NEVER DIES..
THERE WAS A TIME WHEN MY DREAM WAS LIKE THAT TOO...
ONE, TWO ...!
ER..
COME ON!
EH?
HERE'S HOW YOU DO IT! REPEAT AFTER ME..

I'M GOING TO THE POKÉMON LEAGUE! AND I'M GONNA WIN TOO!!
I'M GOING TO THE POKÉMON LEAGUE! AND I'M GONNA WIN!!
I'M REALLY, REALLY, REALLY, REALLY GONNA WIN!!
Ha ha
ha ha!!
...HIS JUDGMENT AS A TRAINER IS CLOUDED WHEN HIS OPPONENT ATTACKS WITH A FIRE-TYPE MOVE EVEN A LITTLE THING LIKE THAT CAN AFFECT THE COURSE OF A BATTLE...
MR. ANDY IS SENSITIVE TO HEAT, SO HE AVOIDS FIRE, AND..
THIS WAS MY FIRST TRAINER BATTLE, BUT IT WAS SO MUCH FUN!

THAT'S WHAT I LEARNED TODAY!
OWN
I KNOW MR. ANDY..
WILL OVERCOME HIS WEAKNESS AND COMPETE IN THE POKÉMON LEAGUE!!
BECAUSE
THE DREAM HE RECOMMITTED TO TODAY IS STRONG ENOUGH TO ATTRACT MUSHA TO HIM!!
ALL RIGHT! LET'S GO!!
TMP!
NEXT...
...WE'LL CHALLENGE A GYM LEADER!!